

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Strategic environmental assessment of local implementation plans

Strategic Environmental Assessment is defined by Directive 2001/42/EC (1) (the 'SEA Directive') as:

*'an important tool for integrating environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment...because it ensures that such effects of implementing plans and programmes are taken into account during their preparation and before their adoption'.*

In 2001 formal Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was introduced by the European Union Directive 2001/42/EC, requiring national, regional and local authorities to undertake SEA on certain plans and programmes that they promote. The directive was implemented in England via the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (SI 2004 No. 1633). LIPs, as a type of transport plan, are covered by these regulations.

The Greater London Authority Act in 1999 requires that Local Implementation Plans (LIPs) are prepared in order to improve transport safety, traffic congestion, bus services, accessibility and local initiatives.

The main requirements of the SEA Regulations in respect of LIPs are that:

- The SEA findings are published in an Environmental Report which sets out the significant effects of the LIP;
- There is consultation on both the LIP and the SEA of the LIP, the results of which are taken into account in decisions on the final LIP; and
- Information on how the results of the SEA have been incorporated into the LIP is made available to the public.

The aim of SEA is to ensure that the environment is considered in the process of preparing the LIP, rather than afterwards.

## 1.2. Format of this Environmental Report

This Environmental Report has been structured as follows:

- Chapter 1 is the Introduction and outlines the structure of this Environmental Report;
- Chapter 2 sets out the Scope and Context for the SEA the Haringey Local Implementation Plan;
- Chapter 3 summarises the Haringey Local Implementation Plan;
- Chapter 4 State of the Environment sets out the Baseline and a Summary of Environmental Problems and Opportunities;
- Chapter 5 Alternative Options sets out the Analysis of Alternatives;
- Chapter 6 Assessment of Significant Effects is the assessment proper and includes a description of the approach used;
- Chapter 7 covers Mitigation;

- Chapter 8 covers Monitoring;
- Chapter 9 sets out The Way Forward through consultation, adoption of the final LIP and completion of the SEA statement.